

Town Council Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2011
6:30 pm

Bert Wells	Rich Taylor
Dean Geracimos	Ron Francis
Frank Vari	Sharon Weygand, Town Administrator
Frank Hill, Mayor	Tomas Yeager, Town Attorney
Valerie Walls, Clerk/Treasurer	

Mayor Hill brought the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes from September 12, 2011

MOTION: Ron Francis made a motion, Rich Taylor seconded to approve the minutes from September 12, 2011. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Announcements:

Harriet Davis: The Ghost Walk is on the 28th & 29th. Help is needed at the corners to direct traffic.

Ron Francis: Fall Fest is the 16th and the Lions Christmas tree lighting will be the 27th of November.

Frank Vari: The Pumpkin Fest is on the 22nd. Bring your pumpkins.

Andy Kosc – North Side Association: Would like to remove the white lights and replace with spotlights. Will have more information at the workshop on the 24th.

Dean Geracimos: Congratulating Frank Vari on a job well done with the Bridge walk. It was a great PR event for the Town.

Frank Hill: Bonnie Shiles is raffling a Lantern for the Susan G. Komen Campaign Fund. Stop by her store for tickets.

Commissioner Reports:

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| • Ron Francis | Public Works – lining the sewer line next week in Pig Alley. |
| • Bert Wells | Public Safety – Sgt Leas report attached;
Charter – items listed in New Business
Ethics-Completed forms for State. We've been exempt in the past and should continue. |
| • Rich Taylor | Financial –Thanking Frank for additional income into budget from Bridge walk
Historic |
| • Frank Vari | Planning & Zoning –Suspended what is in current Zoning
Ordinances for satellite dishes, until Council passes the updated version.
Parking Committee-workshop items.
Wants to include 'No Overnight Parking' in new lots.
Recycling: South side on the 22 nd .
5K Runs/Walks: Need Volunteers/Sponsors New Years Day race |
| • Dean Geracimos | Parks & Recreation-looking at additional sponsorships for the gardens; working on a fall clean-up. NYC trip is November 5th
Docks
Little League
Chamber of Commerce – Pell Garden events: 16 th is the Fall Fest and the 22 nd the Pumpkin Lighting. Consider sending Natalie to State Conference, requesting the Town to pay half the cost. |

Office Reports

- Sharon Weygand Town Administrator – Approved for \$34,000 for Helen Titter Park Council to discuss ordinances at Special Session. Will setup date at workshop.
- Valerie Walls Clerk/Treasurer – P&L Report attached
- Frank Hill Mayor – Moving along with the front façade. Some termite damage was discovered; Kirkwood Pest Control coming in next week. At the Fire Company banquet the Town gave them \$1000, Frank Vari presented \$300 from the Bridge walk. Reminding Council to please run agenda items through him before having them added. The meeting are running very late.
- **Old Business**
 - Community Garden – License Agreement. Workshop item.
 - Work-In-Process Ordinance regarding Water & Sewer Rate Levels –workshop agenda
 - Electric Power to light “Welcome” Sign /Christmas Tree Lighting – Ron waiting for SHA approval
 - Artesian Contract 2006: No Response from Artesian
 - Comprehensive Dev Ordinances - Workshop
 - Location of EQ Tank – workshop items
 - Sewer line to the school –Going to County Commissioners
 - Post Storm Responses – workshop item
 - Zoning Inspector – number of citations – workshop
 - Items from Parking Committee – workshop
 - Reviewing the Engineering contract for Phase II of Interconnection –Recommendation from Engineer Peter Bourne is CAFE in Delaware. Council will review bids, possible Special Session for the vote.

New Business:

- Newsletter-workshop
- Special Session Notices – workshop
- Boat Slip User Fee –workshop
- Solution to our I&I from Arro – will discuss in Water & Sewer meeting
- Street Sweeping and Leaf Clean-up – workshop – will inquire with Army Corps
- Introducing Charter Resolution 9-26-2011A for the purposes of Amending the Town Charter to increase the monetary amount of contracts for which sealed bids are not required from \$15,000 to \$25,000. Will vote at Special Session on the 24th.
- Introducing Charter Resolution 9-26-2011B for the purposes of Amending the Town Charter to change the date and time of the Annual Organization meeting to reflect consistency with the Town’s current meeting schedule. Will vote at Special Session on the 24th
- Introducing Charter Resolution 9-26-2011C for the purposes of Amending the Town Charter to clarify provisions regarding the Town’s Acquisition and Condemnation of Property. Will vote at Special Session on the 24th
- Introducing Resolution 10.12.2011 Introducing and Accepting for the purposes of appointing the Heads of Offices, Departments and Agencies. – Tom will correct and email out. Will vote at the Special Session on the 24th.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Sidewalk repair bids (2)

MOTION: Ron Francis made a motion to repair three driveways, one alley, one sidewalk for \$4800, work to be done by Crocket. Motion fails for the lack of a second.

- Waiving the base for 308 Biddle Street

MOTION: Bert Wells made a motion, seconded by Rich Taylor to deny the extension of waiving the base rate for 308 Biddle Street. All in favor, motion carried.

- Event Form: 100 Year Reenactment Parade

MOTION: Dean Geracimos made a motion, Ron Francis seconded to approve the event form for the Reenactment Parade for the CCVFC, contingent upon receiving the approval letter from the Maryland State Police. All in favor, motion carried.

- Chamber of Commerce Seminar

MOTION: Bert Wells made a motion, seconded by Ron Francis for the Town to pay up to \$260 for Natalie Gentry to attend the seminar. All in favor, motion carried.

Note: Cecil County is paying 50%, Chesapeake City Chamber is paying 25%, Town is paying 25%.

Public Comment: None

MOTION: Ron Francis made a motion, Rich Taylor seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

D. Valerie Walls, Clerk Treasurer

Frank Hill, Mayor